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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: REQUEST FOR BIO

INFORMATION ON JACQUES DEPELCHIN

1. STANFORD UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL HAS SUGGESTED NAME OF DR. JACQUES DEPELCHIN AS ONE WHO MIGHT BE USEFUL IN KIDNAPPING CASE, PERHAPS AS POSSIBLE INTERMEDIARY. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL, DEPELCHIN BELIEVED TO BE FROM NORTHERN KATANGA REGION; HAS BELGIAN FATHER AND ZAIRIAN MOTHER; HAS BEEN IN US FOR SEVERAL YEARS TAKING DOCTORATE IN AFRICAN HISTORY AT STANFORD AND NOW TEACHING AT OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE; DID FIELD WORK ON THESIS ON ZAIRIAN SIDE OF LAKE TANGANYIKA; REPORTEDLY "LEFTIST" IN POLITICAL ORIENTATION.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFO ON DEPELCHIN WHICH EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE. INGERSOLL

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